



OGDEN DUNES MEETING NOTES/ SEPTEMBER 29, 2009

Post-it notes

Communication

- Create Community Board for input
- Come to town council and other community meetings uninvited to participate as a neighbor not as the government authority
- Communication- have a regular newsletter, website, increase contact and The Times newspaper
- Direct communication with communities
- Relieve my impression that I live in your process
- NPS booth/info at Ogden Dunes events
- Better signage for Portage Lake Front
- Have more and clearly marked walking trails

Programs

- Do an email newsletter on volunteer opportunities and for youth programs
- Education programs for residents geared to residents
- Lack of farm animals at Chellberg Farm. Develop partnerships with interested community groups
- Can you come up with service projects for high school youth on a weekend basis. Perhaps these service projects could be documented in such a way that the students could earn "service credit" at their school
- Train a group of residents on invasive species early detection- rapid response
- Start or continue a park watchers program where people volunteer to report crimes or issues

Land Acquisition

- Use condemnation if necessary to acquire necessary lands
- Relationship- NPS and any future plans to purchase factory lands abutting Lakeshore

Resource Management

- Volunteer stewardship opportunities on NPS land surrounding Ogden Dunes
- Home safety within NPS Territory
- To live symbiotically achieving the mission of the INDL (Farm Ed & Culture, Natural Beauty and economy, residents and visitors)
- Support active legislation to pay for sand by-pass system for Ogden Dunes Beach nourishment



- Does the National Lake Shore monitor air quality at various locations within their jurisdiction?
- Would the NPS be engaged in the monitoring of the industrial pollution and its effect on the environment of the Indiana Lakeshore and its environment?
- Work together to solve air and water pollution issues (i.e. pre-coat metals)
- Agree to a one time test of direct beach nourishment from Burns waterway approach and entrance and then scientific study of impacts
- Beach nourishment
- Lakeshore protection- how to deal and steel mills and their sea walk, sand nourishments of our beach
- Work together to lessen impacts of air and water pollution (especially precoat metals)
- Work together to obtain sand bypass system

Jurisdiction

- Where is law enforcement been on the water?
- Informational signage near restoration sites informing us why we need to keep off the dunes
- What could Rep. Visclosky or Senator Bayh and Lugar do to improve and expand the Park? How can we affect their actions?
- Changes to laws

Beach Clean-up

- NPS join Ogden Dunes in regular beach clean ups and pay for it
- Temporary garbage cans at Portage Lakefront
- If you own the beach why don't you remove litter?
- Beach trash
- Work together on pollution prevention programs to reduce beach and park trash



Flip Charts

- Farm/cultural mission better defined and programmed
- Work together with Ogden Dunes to change name to INDU National Park
- Ogden Dunes community bulletin board used to inform (15 cities etc)
- Useful meetings-regular basis- quarterly- education items
- Website education links
- Trash
 - Enforce (write tickets) rigorous to build a reputation- long term
 - Educate too- long term
 - No garbage cans on River walk Auxiliary parking lots?
 - Meeting with INDU & Portage to clarify
 - Disney- Cleanliness begets
- Work together with Ogden Dunes, IDEM and INDU on Quick Kote issues , etc.
 - INDU class II
 - Charlie Morris INDU Contact
 - No enforcement authority but EPA does
 - Inform INDU
- Response for high water event
 - For hazards
 - Signage needed dates
 - enforce
- Trash – find a solution
 - West Beach is worst
 - Park picks it up in the morning
- “Who does what”- directionally/phone number, email
- Transparency/access to GMP – Long Range Plans and short range rapid implementation plans
- Better access to the laws/lawmakers-need information-communication and access
 - Some examples of problem issues added and published
- Improve phone system
 - Hour to not get anywhere
 - Publish telephone directory of public numbers
- Community board with representative from all communities
 - Have dialogue based meetings focusing on mutual interests (purpose)
 - Problematic meetings- public wants this – does not like this- not wanting to be heard- would like action/response
- Invasive species help consultation- education by INDU staff to Ogden Dunes residents
 - Priority issue (marina-burning bushes)
 - Help with deer proofing homes landscaping
 - Voluntary effort by residents
- Trust that Ogden Dunes has much interest in beach (clean, nourish, etc) as the NPS
 - Work to align the mission and interests of Ogden Dunes and INDU



- Early detection of invasive species and large number of volunteers
- Work with Ogden Dunes to try dredge soil deposition for beach supplement with volunteers for invasive species monitoring
 - Ogden Dunes volunteers will participate in this investigative research sand nourishment – priority
 - No beach on east boarder- time is of essence, NPS join us.



Potential Cooperative Projects for Further Discussion

1. Communication
 - a. Create a phone directory of INDU staff and their responsibility areas
 - b. Create a web page that summarizes important issues and activities
 - c. Use more informative signage at sites to communicate activities
 - d. Use town email trees
 - e. Quarterly meetings with residents
 - f. Define priority topics of interest (conservation efforts; planning documents; laws)
 - g. Create a community advisory board made up of members from all communities
2. Beach Clean-up
 - a. Collaborate to create enforcement plan
 - b. Develop education campaign
 - c. Work together with City of Portage to ensure responsibilities are understood and upheld
3. Invasive Species Control
 - a. Create a citizens group to work with INDU to monitor and control invasives
 - b. NPS provide education and supervision
 - c. Citizens provide monitoring, labor, and maintain feedback loop
4. Beach Nourishment and Industrial Pollution Monitoring
 - a. Define mutual interests of INDU and Ogden Dunes
 - b. Create priority action lists
 - c. Define responsibilities for accomplishing actions